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Precautionary detention in quarantine while in this harbor was observed during the week with the British schooner *Prosperare* and the British steamship *Kingswell*, both from Mobile, Ala. No sickness occurred on board of any of them up to the time of their departure from this port.

One case of diphtheria with a fatal termination was officially reported in town during the week.

The epidemic of dengue continues to spread. No prophylactic measures of any kind are being observed against its dissemination, in view of the fact that it is assuming a benign character and that no deaths have as yet been caused by it. Some cases have already been reported at Limonar, a rural town within this district.

Total number of deaths, city of Matanzas, from September 20 to 30, 1905, 16.

Annual rate of mortality for the ten days, 12.16; estimated population, 48,000.

During the month of September, 1905, 19 bills of health were issued to vessels bound for the United States, having an aggregate number of 519 crew and 31 passengers, mostly in transit for different ports in Cuba. There were no transactions for the Canal Zone nor for the Republic of Panama.

Four certificates of immunity to yellow fever and smallpox were issued during the month at the request of passengers going to the Southern States, and who met the requirements of the United States quarantine regulations.

The health of the city for the past month shows a marked improvement as compared with that of August of the present year.

With the exception of dengue—not officially reported to this office—there were but 2 cases of communicable diseases reported in the city throughout September—1 of scarlet fever at the beginning of the month and 1 of diphtheria, ending in death, at the close of the month.

The total number of deaths from all causes for September was 46, which corresponds to an annual rate of mortality of 11.58 per thousand, showing a still lower average than that of August last, which was 16 per mille.^a

Reports from Santiago—Inspection of vessels—Mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, September 27 and October 3, as follows:

During the week ended September 23, 1905, bills of health were issued to 4 vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

Mortality for the week ended September 23, 1905, 13.

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 14.85 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

Week ended September 30, 1905. Bills of health issued to 3 vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

The Norwegian steamship *Iris*, with cattle from Cartagena, Colombia, was quarantined as a precaution, although there was no sickness on board. It arrived September 30, and, after unloading in lighters in the bay, the vessel was fumigated with sulphur by the Cuban

^a Mortality for period from September 1-10, 1905: 17. See Public Health Report September 22, 1905, page 2034.

authorities, without first cleaning the vessel. The *Iris* leaves to-day direct to Mobile. On the bill of health I noted that she was mechanically dirty. I did not mention the fumigation, as I was not present.

Mortality for the week ended September 30, 1905, 8. Annual rate of mortality, 9.14 per 1,000.

Summary of transactions for the month of August, 1905.

Bills of health issued	14
Number of crews	493
Number of passengers	229
Deaths from yellow fever	0
Deaths from other contagious diseases	0
Deaths from all causes (stillbirths not counted)	105
Cases of quarantinable diseases reported in city	0
Cases of other contagious diseases reported in city	0
Vaccination certificates issued for Canal Zone and Panama	0

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Report from Guayaquil—Mortality—Smallpox—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Gomez reports, September 21, as follows:

Week ended September 19, 1905:

Present officially estimated population, 60,000.

Mortality from all causes, 55, as follows: Smallpox, 5; tuberculosis, 4; pernicious fever, 4; bronchitis, 4; infectious fever, 3; paludic fever, 3; dysentery, 4; tetanus, 3; grippe, 2; meningitis, 1; stillbirth, 1; peripneumonia, 2; cholera, infantile, 1; whooping cough, 1; rheumatism, 1; from all other causes, 16.

Two bills of health were issued during the week: September 15, steamship *Palena*, from Chilean and Peruvian ports, cleared for Ancon, Canal Zone, with 1 cabin and 3 steerage passengers from here. Two cabin and 1 steerage passengers from ports south were placed in quarantine. The passengers were all examined; also 9 pieces of baggage. The vessel was fumigated and 3 certificates of immunity were issued.

The steamship *Ecuador* was received after fumigation, after completing ten days of strict quarantine. One of the crew died without known diagnosis. The vessel cleared for Ancon, Canal Zone, on September 16, without passengers for that port.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Plague in various countries.

Consul-General Mason reports, September 19, as follows:

Egypt.—During the period from August 26 to September 2 there were registered in Alexandria 9 fresh cases of plague and 8 deaths; 1 case in Damiette and 1 case in Assuan.

Japan.—During the six months from January to June of the present year there were registered in Formosa 280, 175, 329, 570, 733, 254, a total of 2,341 plague cases, and 251, 169, 284, 480, 618, 227, total 2,029 deaths.

Zanzibar.—On the 2d of September Zanzibar was declared infected with plague, 6 cases having occurred there up to that time.